IN THE UNITED STATED PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Tushar V. Choudhary, Jason J. Gislason, Glenn W. Dodwell, and William H. Beever

For: DESULFURIZATION AND NOVEL PROCESS FOR SAME

LETTER

Commissioner for Patents
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Attached hereto for filing in the United Stated Patent and Trademark Office is the patent application identified above. This application includes an executed assignment and 0 sheet(s) of drawings.

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If the Examiner wishes to contact representatives of record concerning the accompanying application prior to the first Official Action, such contact should be made with the undersigned.

The following references, a copy of each is attached, are called to the Examiner's attention:

U.S. 3,363,988 discloses the preparation of a subdivided alumina-nickel catalyst such that there is a minimization of nickel migration from the catalyst.

U.S. 4,073,750 discloses a method for making supported nickel catalysts, which are characterized as having the nickel in a highly dispersed state.

U.S. 4,191,664 discloses nickel alumina catalysts having a remarkably high degree of thermal stability.

U.S. 6,254,766 discloses particulate sorbent compositions comprising a mixture of zinc oxide, silica, alumina and a substantially reduced valence nickel.

U.S. 6,274,533 discloses processes for the production of sorbents wherein the sorbent is prepared from impregnated particulate supports or admixed to the support composite prior to particulation, drying, and calcination.

WO 00/47320 discloses a particulate catalyst suitable for the hydrogenation of fats or oils containing 5 to 75% by weight of nickel made by slurrying a transition alumina powder with an aqueous solution of a nickel amine complex, followed by heating to deposit an insoluble nickel compound and then reducing the latter.

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